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While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

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IT FIGURES! THE NIGHT OF THE
EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY BOAT
RIDE UP THE HUDSON, AND PETER
PARKER GETS STUCK IN TRAFFIC!

I HAD TO GET OFF
THE BUS, CHANGE INTO
MY SPIDEY DUDS AND
WEB IT TWENTY
BLOCKS UPTOWN.

BUT THERE'S
THE CLASS NOW...
GETTING READY
TO BOARD!

GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH!

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AS THE WALL-CRAWLER DROPS TOWARD THE ANCHORED CRAFT, CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE EBU GRADUATE WONDER AT HIS ALTER-EGO'S ABSENCE...

PETE'S LATE! WHAT CAN BE KEEPING HIM?

WHO CARES? MR. PARKER HAS A KNACK FOR IGNORING SCHEDULES.

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO DOWN ON PETE, MARCY? WHAT'S HE EVER DONE TO YOU?

MARCY CAN DISLIKE PETE ALL SHE WANTS, AS LONG AS SHE KEEPS AWAY FROM HIM! I THINK HE'S CUTE!

PHILIP CHANG

MARCY KANE

STEVE HOPKINS

DR. MORRIS SLOAN

DEBRA WHITMAN

CURT CONNORS

WELL, WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! LET'S GET ABOARD!

I MADE IT, WITH SECONDS TO SPARE!

WHRUMP!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, LIKE SOME-BODY FALLING?

MUST'VE BEEN THE BOAT BUMPING AGAINST THE DOCK, STEVE.

MOVE ALONG, GENTLEMEN.

AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE BOAT'S ROOF...

IT'S A GOOD THING THIS IS A NIGHTTIME CRUISE! I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO CHANGE UNSEEN UP HERE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!

BUT SOMEDAY I'VE GOTTA DREAM UP A BETTER SYSTEM FOR CARRYING MY CIVVIES THAN IN A WEB-PACK...

OR ELSE PETER PARKER'LL HAVE TO SWITCH TO PERMANENT-PRESS!

OH, WELL--THE WRINKLES WILL GIVE MARCY KANE SOMETHING NEW TO DERIDE ME FOR!

HERE GOES! WE'RE CASTING OFF!

I SHOULD'VE STAYED HOME AND WORKED TONIGHT! ANOTHER DEADLINE SHOT!

UNSEEN, PETER PARKER DROPS TO THE UPPER DECK.

WHERE, MOMENTS LATER, HE LOCATES AND GREET'S HIS FELLOW TEACHING ASSISTANTS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS...



PETE!
HEY, MAN,
IT DIDN'T
LOOK LIKE
YOU WERE
GONNA
MAKE
IT!

AND THEN THERE
WERE THOSE OF
US WHO HOPED
YOU WOULDN'T.

IT'S
GOOD TO
SEE YOU,
PETE!

WELL, I GUESS
I SHOULD BE GRATE-
FUL FOR A WARM
RECEPTION FROM
TWO OUT OF THREE!

YOU SHOULD ALSO
TRY EXPLAINING
JUST **HOW** YOU GOT
ABOARD, MR. PARKER,
SINCE THE GANG-
PLANK WAS DRAWN
UP FIVE MINUTES
AGO!



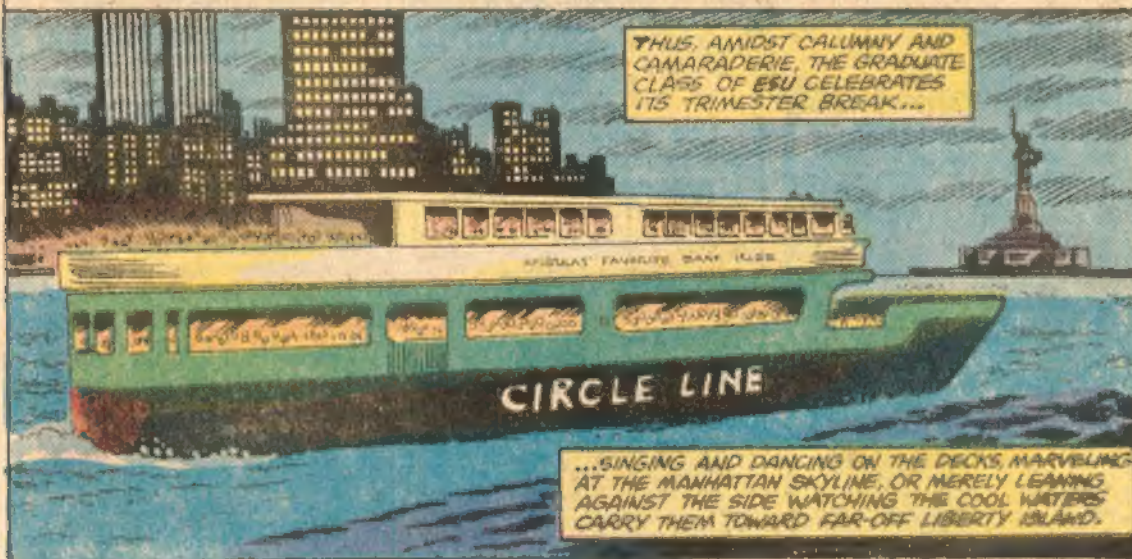
GANGPLANK?
ER--THAT IS--I...



PARKER! GLAD
YOU COULD
MAKE THE
CRUISE, LAD!

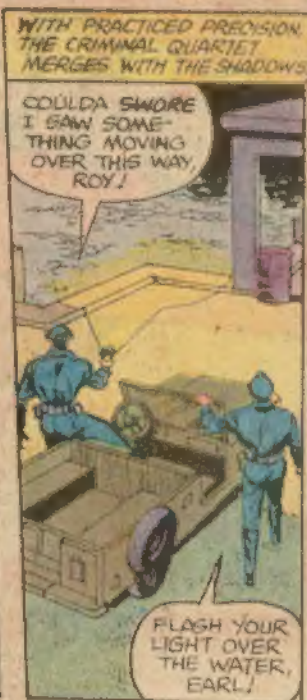
DOC CONNORS! BOY,
AM I GLAD TO
SEE YOU!

ESPECIALLY SINCE
THE DISTRACTION WILL
ENABLE ME TO AVOID
ANSWERING MARCY'S QUESTION!



THUS, AMIDST CALUMNY AND
CAMARADERIE, THE GRADUATE
CLASS OF ESU CELEBRATES
ITS TRIMESTER BREAK...

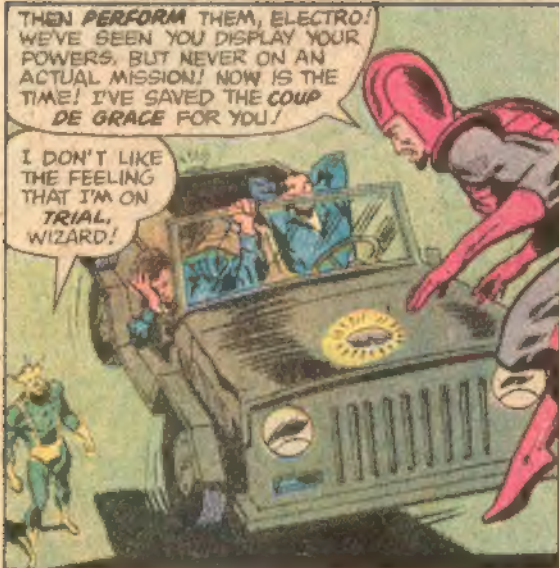
...SINGING AND DANCING ON THE DECKS, MARVELING
AT THE MANHATTAN SKYLINE, OR MERELY LEANING
AGAINST THE SIDE WATCHING THE COOL WATERS
CARRY THEM TOWARD FAR-OFF LIBERTY ISLAND.





THEN PERFORM THEM, ELECTRO! WE'VE SEEN YOU DISPLAY YOUR POWERS, BUT NEVER ON AN ACTUAL MISSION! NOW IS THE TIME! I'VE SAVED THE COUP DE GRACE FOR YOU!

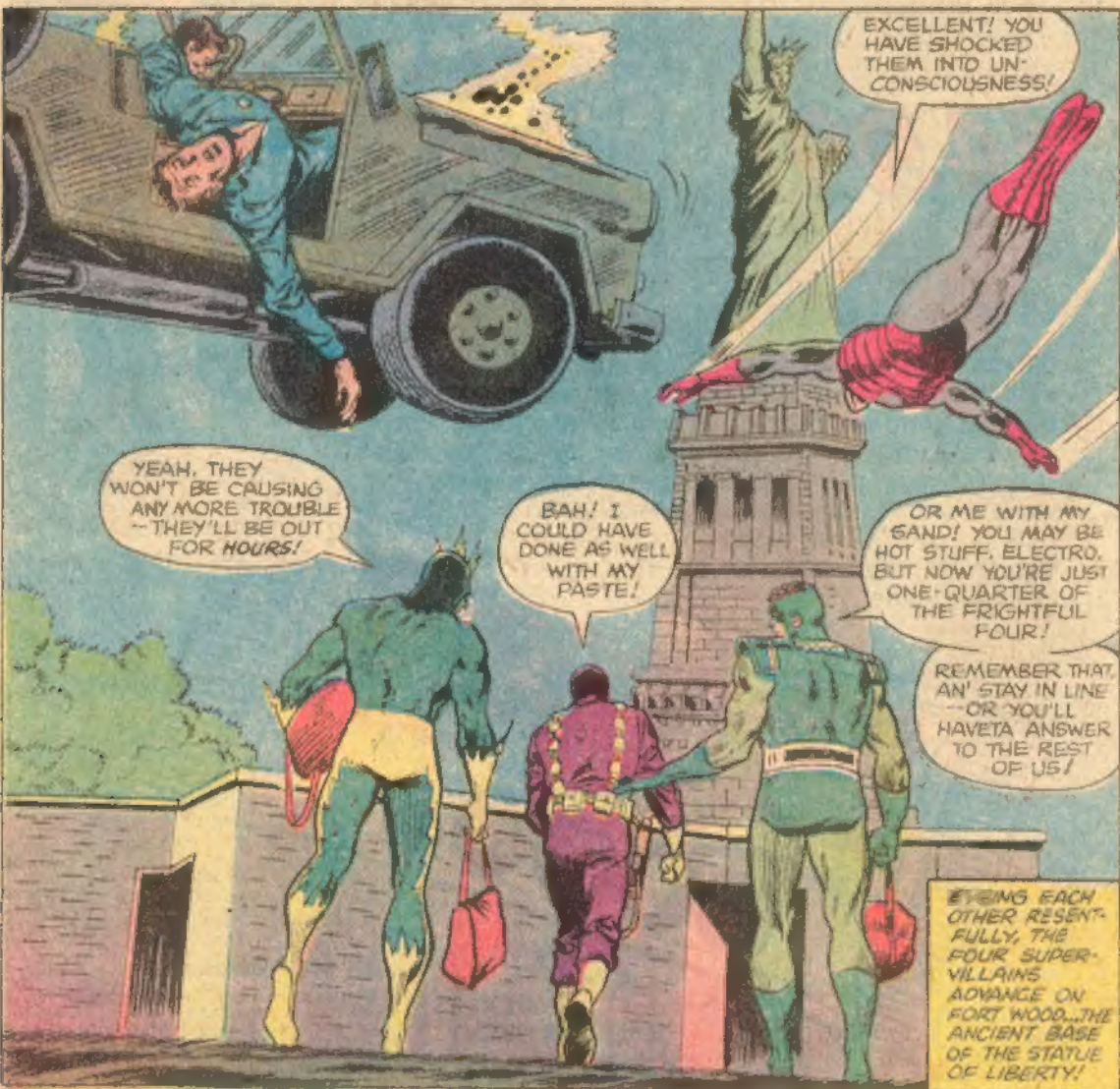
I DON'T LIKE THE FEELING THAT I'M ON TRIAL, WIZARD!



FLAP!



BUT THEN, I DON'T MIND LIVIN' UP TO THE P.R. THAT MADE ELECTRO A LEGEND, EITHER!



YEAH, THEY WON'T BE CAUSING ANY MORE TROUBLE -- THEY'LL BE OUT FOR HOURS!

BAH! I COULD HAVE DONE AS WELL WITH MY PASTE!

EXCELLENT! YOU HAVE SHOCKED THEM INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS!

OR ME WITH MY SAND! YOU MAY BE HOT STUFF, ELECTRO, BUT NOW YOU'RE JUST ONE-QUARTER OF THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR!

REMEMBER THAT, AN' STAY IN LINE -- OR YOU'LL HAVETA ANSWER TO THE REST OF US!

EVENING EACH OTHER RESENTFULLY, THE FOUR SUPER-VILLAINS ADVANCE ON FORT WOOD...THE ANCIENT BASE OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY!

MEANWHILE, THE SAME BREEZES THAT CARESS THE FAMED STATUE ALSO WASH THE DECK OF THE CIRCLE LINER--AND PETER PARKER...

NOW MATTER HOW I TRY TO IGNORE IT, MARCY'S CONTEMPT FOR ME IS GETTING ME DOWN!

WHAT IS IT WITH HER? SHE'S GOT BRAINS, LOOKS... AND A TONGUE LIKE AN ASP!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I PAY ATTENTION TO HER. MAYBE I'M ATTRACTED TO HER? AM I THAT LONELY SINCE MARY JANE AND I BROKE UP?

PETE?

OH, HI DEBRA. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME UP.

NO, YOU LOST IN THOUGHT, WRESTLING WITH THE GREAT RIDDLES OF SCIENCE?

DON'T KID YOURSELF, DEB. I WASN'T SOLVING ANY GREAT PROBLEMS PLAGUING THE ADVANCE OF BIOCHEMISTRY.

I'M LUCKY IF I CAN SOLVE MY OWN PERSONAL PROBLEMS HALF THE TIME!

STILL, I'VE WATCHED YOU, PETE! YOU'RE A BRILLIANT STUDENT! A GREAT TEACHING ASSISTANT.

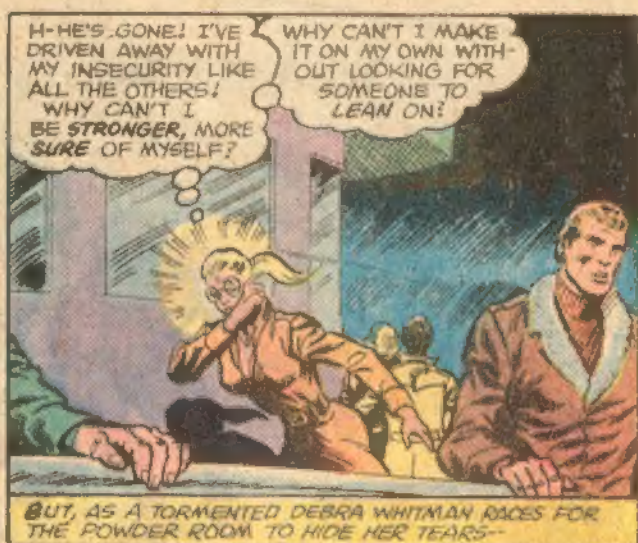
YOU'VE SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. AND ME, I'M ONLY DR. SLOAN'S SECRETARY.

MAYBE IF I'M LUCKY I'LL GO FROM A TYPING POOL TO A SUBURBAN SWIMMING POOL COMPLETE WITH A HUSBAND AND 2.5 KIDS.

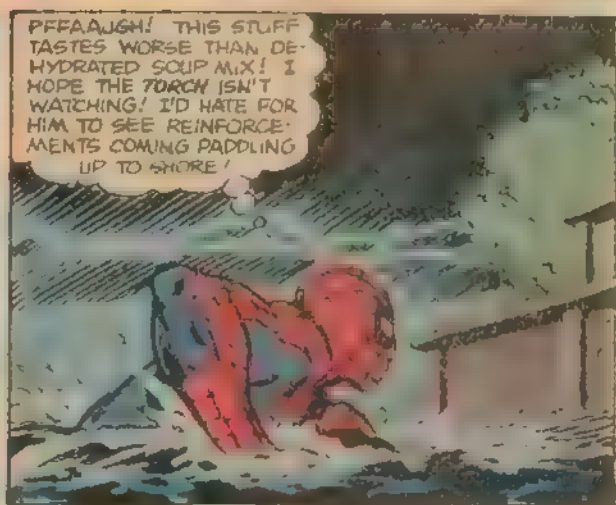
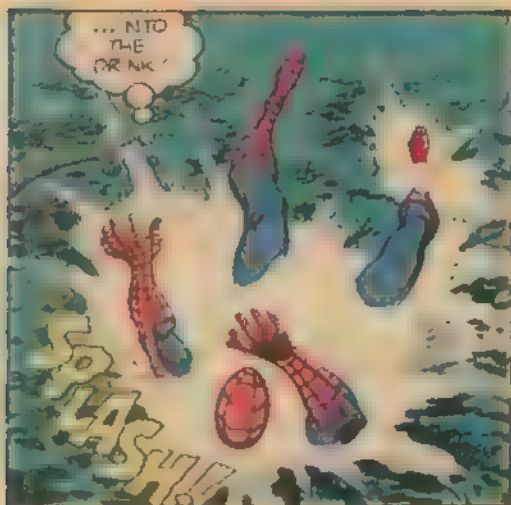
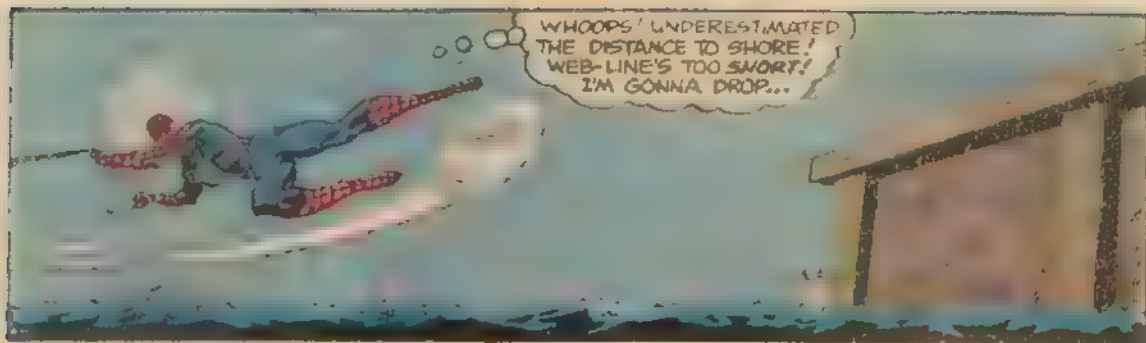
HEY, DEB--COME ON! YOU'VE GOT MORE ON THE BALL THAN THAT! THERE'S DIFFERENT TYPES OF SMART--YOU'VE GOT THE COMMON SENSE KIND! YOU'RE RATING YOURSELF TOO LOW, LADY!

I-I WISH I COULD BELIEVE THAT, PETE.

AND SOMEHOW, WHEN YOU SAY IT, I ALMOST DO.







ABOVE PERCHED OUTSIDE ON THE HEAD OF THE STATUE A CRIMINAL COVENANT PREPARES FOR SPIDER-MAN'S ARRIVAL.



OUR FLAME MESSAGE IS FADING FROM THE SKY A JARD YOU WANT I SHOULD RE WRITE I WITH THE FLAME-THROWER?

NO, MY INFORMATION IS THAT SPIDER-MAN ALWAYS HEEDS THE TORCH'S SIGNAL IF HE IS ANYWHERE NEARBY.

BEIDES, AN "EMERGENCY MESSAGE" WRITTEN TWICE WOULD ONLY SERVE TO AROUSE HIS SUSPICIONS!

I GUESS I'D BETTER GET READY, THEN. YOU SURE THIS COSTUME IS SAFE, WIZARD? I DON'T WANNA END UP FRIED!



REST ASSURED, THE COSTUME'S INTERIOR LINING IS FLAMEPROOF, ELECTRO!

ONLY ITS EXTERIOR WILL BURST INTO FLAMES AT A FLICK OF THE CONTROL DISCS ON ITS BELT, CREATING THE ILLUSION THAT YOU ARE THE HUMAN TORCH!



YEAH BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK SPIDER-MAN'LL BE FOOLED?



HE COMES EXPECTING A FRIEND NOT A FOE. THE COSTUME AND YOUR OWN POWERS SHOULD FOSTER THAT ILLUSION...

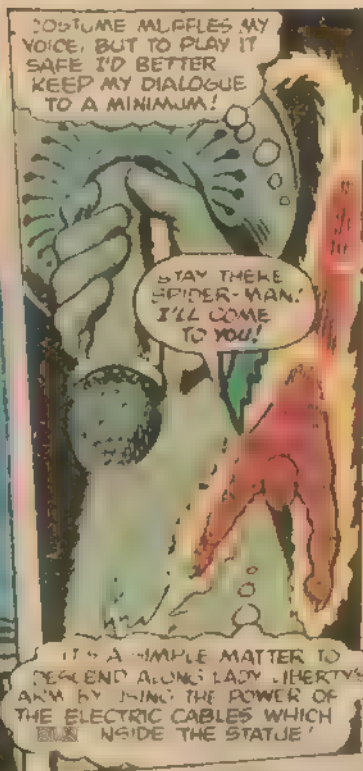
UNTIL THAT WEB SLINGER SUCKER'S TOO FAR INTO OUR TRAP TO BACK OUT! NOW LETS GET READY

AT THE FRIGHTFUL CRIMINAL CONVENTION



AM GETTING CLOSE

BUT STILL NO SIGN OF THE TORCH



5 RE SHOCKS! THOSE LIGHTNING BOLTS OF YOURS ARE LIKE FINGERPRINTS! THEY BELONG TO NOBODY BUT YOU!

BUT YOU DREW ME AWAY FROM MY MIGHT HAVE BEEN "HE IS THAT" I GO WITH THE OTHERS!

X X X
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE!

SPIDER MAN SWUNG AROUND THE STATUES AND VANISHED! I'D BETTER WARN THE OTHERS!

THER... MANK... I WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA TO AVOID A FIGHT BY DUCKING INTO THIS OBSERVATION DECK IN LIBERTY'S TOWER

BUT I NEVER... LOWER LIKE ELECTRO TO WORK IN A JOE

NOT AFTER I WHIPPED HIM THE... RE SANDMAN... MYSTERO AND DOG... THER A... EARS BACK!

... THE... ...

"AMAZING SPIDER MAN ANNUAL #1"

A SIGN OF A BAD GUY! MAYBE ELECTRO WAS BLUFF

... MY... ... A JIN AND I... NOTED THE... ARE COVERED WITH

INTO

WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN ABOUT, WALL-CRAWLER

YEAH PUNK! YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE... HE... HE...

SANDMAN! THEN I AM UP AGAINST THE SINISTER SIX!

TRAPSTER!



NO, WAIT! DON'T TELL ME! SUDDENLY EVERYTHING'S BECOMING NO CRYSTAL CLEAR

MY PASTE-GUN!!

YOU'VE REPLACED MADAM MEDUSA WITH ELECTRO, RIGHT? I'VE BEEN SUCKERED BY THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR!



RIGHT ON THE SECOND COUNT - BUT WAY OFF ON THE FIRST! ELECTRO'S REPLACED THE BRUTE!

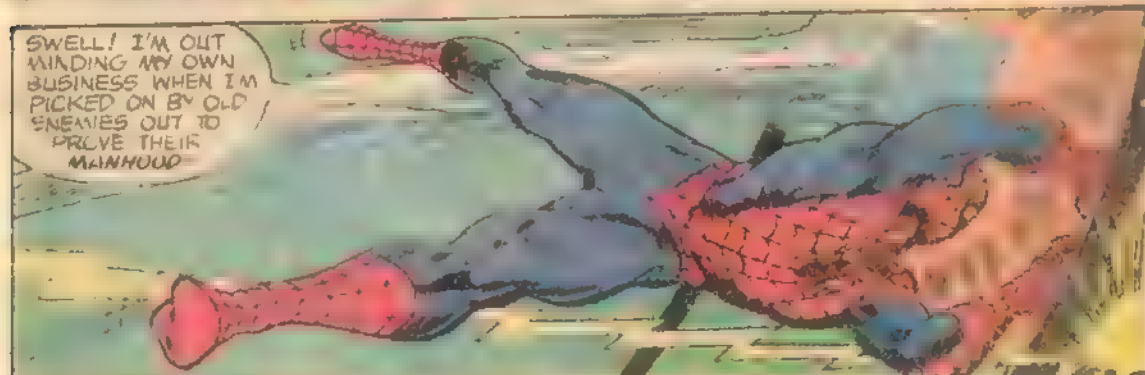
WITH THE ADDITION OF MY POWERS WE'VE BECOME INVINCIBLE!

SO WHY PICK ON ME? I THOUGHT YOU GUYS DIDN'T LIKE THE FANTASTIC FOUR!

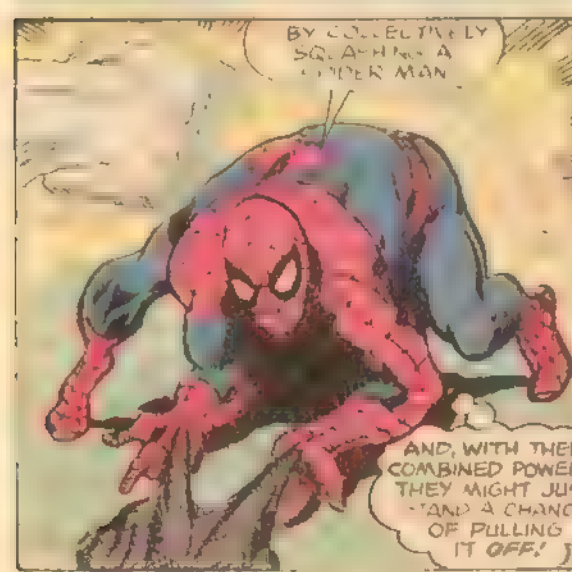
LOOK OUT HES! 'NWH!

RIGHT AGAIN! THE FF ARE NEXT! BUT FIRST, TWO OF US HAVE SCORES TO SETTLE WITH YOU!

SEE FF #111 1966

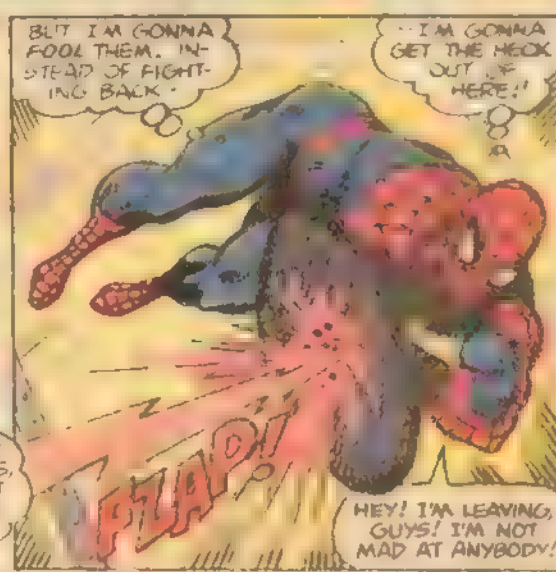


SWELL! I'M OUT MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS WHEN I'M PICKED ON BY OLD ENEMIES OUT TO PROVE THEIR MANHOOD



BY COLLECTIVELY SQUASHING A LITTLE MAN

AND, WITH THEIR COMBINED POWERS, THEY MIGHT JUST HAVE A CHANCE OF PULLING IT OFF!



BUT I'M GONNA FOOL THEM. INSTEAD OF FIGHTING BACK

I'M GONNA GET THE MECH OUT OF HERE!!

FLAP!

HEY! I'M LEAVING, GUYS! I'M NOT MAD AT ANYBODY!

BUT BEFORE SPIDER-MAN CAN ESCAPE...

I'M AFRAID
YOU AREN'T GO-
ING ANYWHERE,
WALL-CRAWLER.

THAP!

SOMETHING STRIKING--ADHERING
TO MY BACK?! FORGOT I'M FIGHTING
A FOURSOME, AND THE MINDING
MEMBER HAS FINALLY DECIDED
TO PUT IN AN APPEARANCE.

IT'S THE WIZARD, AND HIS ANTEENNA
DISCS ARE LIFTING ME INTO THE AIR!

NOW FOOLS!
STRIKE WHILE
SPIDER-MAN
HOVERS
HELPLESSLY!

AW, C'MON,
WIZARD!

HAVEN'T YOU
EVER HEARD
OF MY ABILITY
TO CLING TO
ANY SURFACE?

EXCEPT
WHEN THE
FALL OF
GRAVITY'S SO
STRONG THAT
IT NEGATES
THAT ABILITY...
LIKE NOW!

SO MAYBE I'D
BETTER STOP FIGHTING
AND GO WITH THE FLOW
USE MY UPWARD MOMEN-
TUM AND MY WEB-LINE
TO BRING ME RIGHT
AT THE
WIZARD!

HUH?
I-I'M
BEING
PROPELLED
AWAY INSTEAD

OF COURSE! I FORGOT THAT
FOR EVERY ACTION THERE'S AN
EQUAL AND OPPOSITE REACTION!
BY FIRING MY WEB-SHOOTERS
I'VE LAUNCHED MYSELF
BACK TOWARD...

...THE
SANDMAN!

KPOW!

I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YOU TO
SET YOURSELF UP LIKE THAT--
WALL-CRAWLER--SO I MADE MY HAND
ROCK-HARD TO GIVE YOU A
SMASHIN' RECEPTION.



BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Big news, Believers! You long-time Marvel maniacs who keep track of who's who among our editorial staff will get a real charge outta this! For reasons too complicated to explain, (which is, of course, a shameless euphemism for "we haven't got the time") we've done another editorial flip-flop and come up with a real treat for you! I'm delighted to announce that none other than good ol' Archie Goodwin has been given the position of Executive Editor of our soon-to-be-unveiled magazine masterpiece, the much-heralded, long-awaited EPIC ILLUSTRATED! Yep, it means I'll once again be working with Artful Archie, just as I did when he was Editor-in-Chief of all our Marvel color comicbooks! Of course, that was before Jolly Jim Shooter replaced him when Archie resigned to devote himself to free-lance writing. And, if you had managed to follow the twisted and tortuous peripatations of this convoluted little paragraph, thou mayest most assuredly herewith consider thyself thrice No-Prized!

But, all kidding aside, ("I didn't know he was kidding!") "I sure didn't sound funny to me!" "If that's his idea of kidding, I'd hate to read 'im when he's

serious!") (Okay, okay, shaddup already!) — it's really a kick to welcome one of our favorite alumni aboard once again. Archibald, who sports the oddest and most colorful collection of funky sneakers you've ever seen, is justifiably considered one of the finest writers and editors in the field, (not indoors, just in the field!) not to mention the fact that he's one of the nicest guys we know. Of course, next to the rest of the staff, even Doc Doom would seem nice! (I might as well offend everybody! It's one way to find out if anyone's actually reading this mishmash!)

Well, let's call it a day now, 'cause I know how emotional and choked-up this announcement has made you. But try to keep cool — don't be too impatient — a month isn't really that long a time, and before you know it I'll be back with you again to continue bestowing these words of wisdom and comfort to help guide you through the savage and stormy seas of life! (NOW do you see why they don't ask me to write any more stories?)

Till next ish then, keep well, keep happy, and most of all — keep in touch, hear?

Excelsior!

Stan

Marvel Masterpieces on sale this month!

MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #68 — "Suffer Not A Warlock To Live!" The return (?) of Adam Warlock as the Thing teams up with Moondragon and Starhawk!

SHOGUN WARRIORS #18 — Shogun Sanctuary is destroyed by a mysterious alien intelligence!

SPIDER-WOMAN #26 — Spider Woman menaced by the macabre White Gardenia!

STAR TREK #2 — The tension mounts as Marvel's adaptation of the Paramount Pictures stellar spectacular continues.

SPIDEY SUPER STORIES #48 — Spidey teams up with the Fantastic Four, checks out the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, and generally has more adventures than you can shake a web at.

DAREDEVIL #184 — Daredevil is confronted by a reporter who knows the secret of his dual identity!

MARVEL SUPER-HEROES #88 — Re-presenting Incredible Hulk #138, Hulk vs. Sandman for the life of Betty Ross!

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #204 — The return of the beautiful Black Cat.

CAPTAIN AMERICA #245 — Cap teams up with Aaron Hunter, stalker of Nazi war criminals.

MARVEL TEAM-UP #93 — Spider-Man and Werewolf By Night in spine-tingling duo action against the terrifying Tatterdemalion!

MAN-THING #4 — Guest-starring the Master of the Mystic Arts, Doctor Strange!

MICRONAUTS #17 — Climax of the Micronauts/Fantastic Four team-up against the mind-boggling menace of Psycho-Man!

GHOST RIDER #44 — The battle that couldn't happen — Johnny Blaze vs. Ghost Rider... To The Death!

BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #15 — Who is the mysterious passenger on the monster-menaced "Space Yreboat"?

SAVAGE SHE-HULK #4 — She-Hulk fights for her life against a foe she must not defeat — her father!

MARVEL FUN AND GAMES #9 — Enough riddles, puzzles, mazes and games to keep any Marvelite amused and bemused for hours.

INCREDIBLE HULK #247 — In the sub-atomic world where he is hailed a hero, the Green Goliath is pitted against the power of the grim Gardnor!

AVENGERS #105 — Ant-Man, Yellowjacket and the Wasp on a suicide rescue mission into the labyrinth of Task-Master!

MARVEL SPOTLIGHT #6 — "The Saga of Star-Lord!" All new! The space-master's origin — and his color comic debut.

SUPER-VILLAIN TEAM-UP #17 — The world trembles in horror as the Red Skull, the Hate Monger and Arnim Zola attempt to re-create the dreaded Cosmic Cube!

CONAN #110 — Part II of the adaptation of "Sons of the Bear God" by Norvell Page. Marvel's foremost barbarian in blood-tingling action!

THOR #295 — Thor, Loki, and Odin in pitched battle against the Storm Giants and Alberich the Troll as the quest for the Ring of Power begins.

MARVEL'S GREATEST COMICS #68 — Reprising Fantastic Four #108, The incredible secret of Janus!

MARVEL TALES #115 — Originally presented in Amazing Spider-Man #138, Enter The Mindworm!

X-MEN #133 — Wolverine in solo action against the Hellfire Club.

TALES TO ASTONISH #6 — From the Mighty Marvel Archives: Sub-Mariner #6, Showdown with Tiger Shark!

ROM #6 — Rom vs. the telepathic bloodhounds of the Dire Wraiths. Plus, more on the fate of Firefall!

FANTASY MASTERPIECES #6 — Re-presenting Silver Surfer #6, The Surfer vs. the Overlord in "Worlds Without End!"

FANTASTIC FOUR #215 — The far-out finale to the story begun in Peter Parker #42, Showdown with the Frightful Four!

IRON MAN #134 — "The Strange Secret of... the Other!"

PETER PARKER #42 — The Spectacular Spider-Man fights for his life against the Wizard, Electro, the Sandman, and the Trapster — aka: The Frightful Four!

DEFENDERS #83 — Lo! There shall come and ending to the Tunnelworld saga! And what an ending it is! Featuring a duel to the death in the mind of the Hulk!

MARVEL SUPER-ACTION #19 — Reprising Avengers #58, the classic "Even an Android Can Cry!" The origin of the amazing Vision!

AMAZING ADVENTURES #6 — Re-presenting X-Men #3 "In Final Battle With the Blob!" Plus: a special feature on the powers of Cyclops.

STAR WARS #35 — At last! Luke stands face-to-face with Darth Vader! Plus, the mystery of Sister Dima!

MASTER OF KUNG FU #88 — The Legend of the Dove! Fu Manchu's plot to blow up New York!

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SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #51 — "Savag's Blood!" Part III of Marvel's adaptation of Conan the Liberator by DeCamp & Carter.

MARVEL PREVIEW #21 — Featuring the mysterious Moon Knight. With a title like "Mindthieves!" you know it's gotta be weird! Plus a solo tale of the sensational Shroud, drawn by Steve Ditko!

TOMB OF DRACULA #4 — "Angelical!" A moody, windswept saga of human failure and inhuman horror as Dracula chooses for his victims... two small children! Plus "Death Vow!" Also, interviews, features, and more!

THE HULK #20 — "Power Unchained!" Torn from tomorrow's headlines — the Hulk is caught in the middle of a crisis at a nuclear power plant. Plus: the women in the Hulk's life. And just cause we don't fool around, there's also an exclusive interview with Ken Johnson, producer/director of the Hulk TV show! Oh yeah — Moon Knight'll be there, too.

CRAZY #61 — SUPER-SPECIAL! Choice classics featuring the work of ADAMS, SEVERIN, WOLFMAN, VAUGH BODE, and other greats. Plus, the ALL-NEW Idaho Fest Parody by STEVE SKATES!

"THOR MEETS THE RICOCHET MONSTER!"





NO, I JUST WANT TO SEE WHO I'M BUMPING OFF! FIND WHAT'S WITH THIS BLASTED MASK! IT WON'T COME OFF!!

T-TRAPSTER'S PASTE IS HOLDING IT ON...



TRAPSTER, YOU IDIOT! DISSOLVE THIS STUFF! I ONLY TAKE ORDERS FROM THE WIZARD!

FORGET THE STINKIN' MASK! WHEN WE'RE DONE PULVERIZIN' THE WEB-SLINGER WE CAN JUST TEAR IT OFF HIS CORPSE!



BLOODTHIRSTY BOORS! THE TRAPSTER DID AS I BADE HIM, INSURING THAT SPIDER-MAN WOULD BE UNABLE TO CRY OUT A WARNING--

--WHEN, REVERSING THE TRICK THAT LURED THE WALL-CRAWLER INTO OUR GLITCHES, ONE OF US POSES AS SPIDER-MAN TO ENTRAP THE UNBESPECTING FANTASTIC FOUR!

AN' THEN WE KILL 'EM ALL!

A GOOD PLAN!

I LIKE IT! I LIKE IT!

MY SPIDER-SENSE ALERTED ME TO ELECTRO'S "HUMAN TORCH" DISGUISE, BUT THE FF WILL BE CAUGHT TOTALLY OFF-GUARD BY MY IMITATOR-- AND IN THAT INSTANT THEY'LL BE CREAMED BY THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR!

TO BE CONTINUED IN...

Fantastic Four #218!

DON'T MISS IT, ACTION LOVERS!